

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 20, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Troy A. Miller
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Washington, DC, 20229

Secretary Mayorkas and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner Miller,

We are concerned with recent reports from concerned citizens and members of the public that ports of entry (POEs) along the United States' border with Canada are being left open and unattended for extended periods of time. This information accompanies publicly available reporting on increases in illegal border crossings along the Northern border, including by foreign nationals from countries in Asia and the Middle East.

Our sources indicate that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and staff may have been instructed to open POEs for periods up to 24 hours per day, and citizens are concerned about the long periods of time when POEs are open without sufficient supervision or surveillance by CBP personnel.

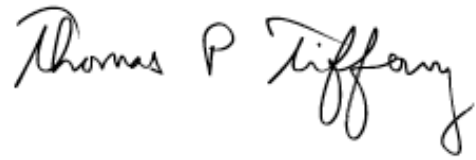
We are seeking answers to the following questions and the requested documents no later than July 10, 2023.

- What are the current hours of operation for United States' POEs along the United States' border with Canada?
- What are the current staffing levels for POEs along the United States' border with Canada?
- What are the staffing levels for each POE with extended operating hours?
- What are the operating hours for each Canadian POE across from a United States' POE with extended operating hours?
- Please provide copies of all memoranda, guidance documents, or other materials provided to CBP agents or staff related to the operating hours of POEs, or the extension of operating hours, along the United States' border with Canada.
- Please provide copies of all memoranda, guidance documents, or other materials related to staffing of POEs with extended operating hours.

Sincerely,

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Andy Biggs
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. Tiffany". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "T" and a long, flowing "Tiffany".

Tom Tiffany
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew M. Rosendale Sr.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "M" and a long, flowing "Rosendale".

Matthew M. Rosendale Sr.
Member of Congress